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1. The Yugoslavs have reportedly not yet begun to produce synthetic rubber, and their total rubber production is dependent upon processing rubber waste.
2. The following concerns are working for the rubber industry:
  - a. Sava rubber producing factory in Kranj. This is the most important enterprise in this branch of industry, and it maintains a school to train technicians for the rubber industry. Training lasts a year and trainees have already completed two successive courses. Production of the Sava factory is limited to: bicycle tires and inner tubes; motor-cycle tires and automobile tubes and tires, and tractor belts. The factory also produces small rubber toilet articles such as sponges and brushes. Formerly Sava imported the necessary iron wheel frames for their auto tires from Czechoslovakia, but at the time of the Tito-Cominform split the factory had to cease production of the completed wheels. Now, however, the factory is manufacturing these wheel frames, based on a model of the Elka factory in Zagreb. The factory employs about 150 personnel and workers.
  - b. Tigar rubber producing factory in Pirov. This factory is engaged exclusively in the production of rubber soles and slippers made out of rubber waste. The total production of the factory amounts to about 5,000 pairs of slippers and as many pairs of rubber soles. No more than 80 people are employed.
  - c. The Rekord rubber producing factory in Leskovac has existed since 1936, and has only manufactured rubber soles and slippers. Nothing is known regarding its present production.
  - d. The Kombinat Gume i Obuce (Rubber and Shoe Combine, formerly Bata). This factory is located in Borovo (between Osijek and Vinkovci near the main railroad line), and is limited to the production of various types of rubber shoes. During the spring of 1949, the factory began to produce airplane models and tractor belts.

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